

## BIG BENEFIT FOR SICK BABIES

Annual Entertainment at Erbe's North Beach Casino on Friday Will Eclipse All Others.

Fred Erbe will tender his annual benefit for the Evening World Sick Babies' Fund at his North Beach Casino Friday, July 18.

Each year since the fund was instituted Mr. Erbe has given a benefit, and every one of these has brought in more money than did its predecessor. The entire proceeds of these successful entertainments are turned over to the fund.

Friday's benefit will be an "all-day show," beginning at noon and lasting until midnight.

There will not be a dull feature in the whole program. The vaudeville talent having been secured.

Prominent among the artists who have volunteered their services are Harry Thompson, "Mayor of the Bowery," who is one of the cleverest funny-men on the stage, and Charles B. Ward.

Mr. Ward is a famous New York tenor and composer. His songs have become popular throughout the country. At the North Beach benefit he will sing his newest and greatest success, "Fare Thee Well, Mollie Darling."

The Erbe benefit is one that no recreation-seeker can afford to miss. Apart from the joy of helping on the Evening World Fund's grand work, the entertainment will be of an excellence that would warrant a journey much further than to North Beach.

Contributions to The Evening World Sick Babies' Fund should be addressed to the Cashier of The World, Pulitzer Building, New York City.

### THE SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Previously acknowledged.....	\$157.60
J. G. ....	10.00
Heben and Edgar Strauss said	6.00
others .....	5.00
Emma, Joe, Rose and Carrie	5.00
Erbe and others .....	5.00
G. Leopold .....	5.00
Edna, Gertrude, Marie and Helen	5.00
Johnson and others .....	5.00
Symour H. Walter, Jerome Ham-	3.00
burger and others .....	2.41
Philip and Margaret Muehlen-	2.41
thal and others .....	2.41
P. O. .....	2.41
Robert F. and Florence Brown	1.00
said others .....	1.00
Mrs. L. M. ....	1.00
Irwin Hirsch, Benjamin Guterson	1.00
Two little girls .....	.15

### "Felt It a Duty to Help."

Included please and the sum of \$2.30 collected by children who felt it their duty to help those who are in need. This small amount will benefit some suffering baby, we are sure.

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## STRAW HAT HUNT HAS BEGUN, SO JOIN IN MERRY SEARCH AND SHARE \$100

Five Men Are Going About the City Wearing Prize Headgear and The Evening World Is Ready to Award Those Who Find Them.

Now for the Evening World's Great Straw Hat Hunt.

It begins right now, wherever you are and whatever the time of day, and it is open to everybody that wears any sort of a straw hat.

What is the Straw Hat Hunt? Well, it's a Straw Hat Hunt, that's all, and it is as simple as rolling off a log.

If you have a straw hat with the Evening World's secret mark in it, or if you find the Evening World's secret mark in somebody else's hat and other- wise comply with certain simple conditions here set down you will be entitled to a share of \$100 which the Evening World will distribute in prizes among its straw-hat-wearing or straw-hat-exploring readers.

The prizes will be five in number: \$20 for a Harlem hat, \$20 for a Downtown hat, \$20 for an East Side hat, \$20 for a West Side hat, \$20 for a Brooklyn hat.

Here is the explanation of the scheme: The Evening World some time ago placed a peculiar mark in five straw hats that were on sale in as many different parts of Greater New York. One of these hats was marked in a Harlem store; one in a downtown store; one in an east-side store; one in a west-side store; and one in a Brooklyn store. The task of devising the mark and placing it in the hats was assigned to one man, who kept all the particulars to himself, and who has placed a sealed record of his work in the safe of The World's Cashier. Nobody knows the mark, or in what sort of hat, or what store it was made, except this man. No store-keeper knows, no salesman knows, nobody connected with The World knows. Every precaution has been taken to prevent collusion, and the Hunt will be as fair to the smallest child who engages in it as to the wisest man or woman.

Chance for All.

Even the sort of hats that have been marked is not known except to the one man who did the marking. He was instructed, however, to give every straw hat a chance, from the cheapest to the most expensive Panama. Five different prices and styles of hat, therefore, are in the Hunt, so that the humblest caddy that is worn has as good a chance of being "it" as the haughtiest crown of Columbia grass that is plaited under water. It makes no difference what you paid for your straw hat—it was purchased at the same price. So look your hat over, rather, scrutinize its interior and see if anything is there upon which you can hang a hope of securing a slice of the Evening World's \$100.

Have all the marked straw hats been sold? The Evening World can only answer that by saying the storekeepers have had plenty of time to sell the hats, and it hopes for their own sakes and for the sake of the Evening World's readers that they have been sold. This is the greatest straw-hat year in the history of the hat trade, and it has been so in a few days; some dealers have found it hard to keep up with the great demand for straw hats. It is pretty certain that the marked hats have been sold. If the marked hats have been sold, it is pretty certain that there is a chance for those who haven't yet procured their straw hats. If they find the mark, they can make their purchases. They will be in the Hunt and may get a piece of the \$100.

Now as to the marks. The Evening World would like to tell its readers what the marks are, but it doesn't know. They must find out for themselves. The Evening World's man went into a hat store, and while the salesman wasn't looking or while he went into another part of the shop, he got a mark on the hat, and that's all we know about it. Whether he used a pen or pencil, brush or a pencil, or a piece of ribbon, a label, a tag, a tiny picture, a number, a letter, a star, a cross, a hieroglyphic or something else, nobody knows. The Evening World's man will only learn that when the prizes are awarded, when all the details of the preparation for the Hunt will be given.

Look Inside Your Hat.

Then what will one have to do to get into the big Straw Hat Hunt? Only this: Look inside of your straw hat, explore the entire interior and if you find a strange mark there—something that evidently has been put there for a purpose—be it the mark or little mark, take a postal card and notify The Evening World that your hat, which you will describe as a rough, smooth or other straw, number 100 and so, purchased at \$5.00 and so, and about such a date has on its inside a peculiar mark, which you describe. Add your name and address and send the postal card to "Straw Hat Hunt, Evening World, Post-office box 235, New York City. Or fill out the accompanying coupon and mail as already indicated.

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FIND THE SECRET MARK IN YOUR STRAW HAT AND WIN \$20.

## MY STRAW HAT

Is of \_\_\_\_\_ Straw—No. \_\_\_\_\_

Was purchased at \_\_\_\_\_

on or about (date) \_\_\_\_\_

and bears this mark: \_\_\_\_\_

Name, \_\_\_\_\_

Address, \_\_\_\_\_

Fill out blank and mail to "Straw Hat Hunt, Evening World, P. O. Box 1354, N. Y. City."

may have picked out the wrong mark. The great Straw Hat Hunt and win one. If that case his wife or sweetheart or friend may find the winning mark and secure the \$20; all she has to do is to state the number and description of the hat and where and when it was bought.

## BELL TOWER OF ST. MARK'S TUMBLES DOWN IN SQUARE.

Famous Structure a Heap of Ruins and Some Lives May Have Been Lost.

VENICE, Italy, July 14.—The Campanile detached bell tower of St. Mark's Church, 98 meters (about 300 feet) high, collapsed at 10.40 o'clock this morning and fell with a great crash into the piazza.

The Campanile, which was entirely detached from the Cathedral, collapsed where it stood and is now a heap of ruins.

The Cathedral and Palace of the Doges are quite safe, but a corner of the Royal Palace was damaged. Repairs on the Campanile were to have been commenced to-day.

It is feared there was some loss of life. The ruins are surrounded by a cordon of troops.

The ruins are piled up to a height of 1. feet and the Piazza di San Marco and the adjoining squares are covered with debris and dust. Some damage was done to the Sansovino Loggetta, or vestibule on the east side of the Campanile.

The first intimation of danger was

the sudden appearance yesterday of a longitudinal crack in the corner of the wall facing the clock tower, and the breaking of two windows.

A concert, which had been arranged to occur on the piazza yesterday evening, was stopped by order of the Prefect, with the object of preventing a concourse of people.

The Campanile stood opposite the Church or Cathedral of St. Mark's. It was founded in 888, restored in 1328, provided with a marble top in 1417 and in 1517 was crowned with the figure of an angel nearly sixteen feet high. The loggetta, or vestibule on the east side of the Campanile, was once a rendezvous of the gondoliers and afterward a waiting room for the guards during the session of the Great Council.

There are bronze statues of Peace, Apollo, Mercury and Pallas on the coping of the Campanile, and in the bronze doors were found a winding inclined plane of thirty-eight bends and lastly by a few steps. At sunset a magnificent spectacle could be witnessed from the top of the tower.

The Clock Tower stands opposite the Campanile.

Early Morning Blast Almost Totally Destroys Plant at Shady Side.

The Hudson River Chemical Works at Shady Side, N. J., were almost totally destroyed by fire at 5 o'clock this morning. Much valuable time was lost because the fire engines had to be dragged to the scene by hand. When they did get there finally the flames had full possession of the building.

The damage is \$4,000.

For the John Taylor Family.

The following amounts have been received by The Evening World for the family of John Taylor: Mrs. Eugene Britton and Miss Adeline Britton, of Shelter Island Heights, \$4; E. Lyndall Hartog, \$1; A. and S. 50 cents; cash, 50 cents.

For the benefit of the Max Cohen family \$1 has been received from Bernard Zingor.

For the sufferers near Mount Pelee 25 cents has been received from Rev. S. F. Young, of Eto. Va.

RAIL AND LAKE RATE WAR.

DETROIT, July 14.—The rate war between the rail and lake lines between Detroit and Buffalo has begun. The Detroit and Buffalo Steamship Company reducing its first-class rate to half the second-class rate of the rail lines, and declaring that if this is met further reduction will follow.

## TWO BURIED IN MANHOLE UNDER BIG DRAUGHT HORSE

Men Almost Suffocated by Animal, Which Fell Into Opening—Had to Kill Horse.

Two men in a manhole had a narrow escape from death by suffocation to-day because of the body of a big draught horse which had fallen into the opening. They finally managed to quiet the horse sufficiently for them to crawl out over his body, and then it became necessary to kill the animal. His carcass lies twelve feet down in a three-foot manhole, and it is thought it will have to be cut to pieces before it can be removed.

The horse, which was attached to one of the big vans of the Manhattan Bedding Company, of No. 54 West Twenty-third street, was being driven with another horse west in Twenty-seventh street by George Read, of No. 223 West Sixteenth street, when it shied at Seventh avenue and fell into the manhole, nearly dragging its team mate from its feet.

The braces resisted the strain a moment before snapping and this saved

the lives of William Crawford and James Murphy, who were working on a new trunk cable at the bottom of the hole. It gave them just time to scramble out of the way.

Then down came the 1,600-pound horse, cutting off nearly all the supply of air and threatening the two men with his frantic heels whenever they tried to escape. Finally he was quieted and the frightened men crawled out.

Policeman Lunny, of the West Thirtieth street station, summoned officers Hinchorne and Nole, of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and they tried to get the horse out by means of a tripod and tackle. They could not do so, however, and at last John Flynn, the owner of the horse, who resides in Bloomfield, N. J., consented to the shooting of the beast.

It was no easier to remove him dead than if he had been alive and it is believed he will have to be cut to pieces. A great crowd gathered about the manhole and a dozen policemen were needed to keep them back.

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